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TO: Superintendents, California School Districts

FROM: Leslie Fausset, Chief Deputy Superintendent
for Policy and Program

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA
COMPREHENSIVE TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES (CTEIs)**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 10, 2001

The California Department of Education (CDE) is seeking applications for participation in the CTEI program for fiscal year 2001-2002. We encourage participation from new K-12--higher education partnerships as well as from current CTEI participants. The statewide budget for academic year 2000-2001 is approximately \$1,000,000. We anticipate that this program will receive similar, or possibly greater, funding during academic year 2001-2002.

Twelve current CTEIs have been in operation for approximately four to six years. Their purpose is to provide strong, collaborative, and comprehensive efforts to improve practices in the areas of teacher candidate recruitment, preparation, pre-service education, and beginning teacher professional development and retention. They serve as catalysts for developing innovative models of teacher preparation and induction so that teachers will be better prepared to meet the learning needs of California's students.

This RFA adds some new directions for CTEI programs. These new directions include increasing the roles of community colleges in teacher recruitment and preparation, increasing the involvement and participation of educators from postsecondary teacher preparation programs in our public schools, and preparing teachers with the skills necessary to succeed in low performing schools.

I would appreciate your making this RFA available to the person or persons who would be responsible for the CTEI program if your district is selected for funding. Successful applicants will be notified by June 20. Questions concerning the RFAs should be directed to John Luster, Consultant, at (916) 324-5689. The applications should be mailed to:

Professional Development Unit
California Department of Education
830 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: John Luster

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2001. Late applications will not be accepted.